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- (3)--"HEALTH--OFFICER"--MEANS--THE--DIRECTOR--OF---THE DEPARTMENT-OF-ENVIRONMENTAL-PROTECTION-AND-RESOURCE-MANAGEMENT-IN BALTIMORE-COUNTY:
- (b)--The-definitions-in-\$-1-101-of-this-article-do-not-apply to-the-Compact-set-forth-in-this-title-

1-301.

- (A) The Secretary shall carry out and enforce the provisions of this article and the rules and regulations adopted under this article.
- (B) THE SECRETARY MAY DELEGATE ANY DUTY, POWER, OR FUNCTION AS PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE TO:
- (1) A HEALTH OFFICER FOR BALTIMORE-COUNTY;
- (2) ANY OTHER COUNTY OFFICIAL OF-BASTIMORE-COUNTY WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS.

SECTION $3 \div 2$. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, it shall take effect from the date of its passage.

June 2, 1987

The Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr. Speaker of the House of Delegates State House Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1303.

House Bill 1303 would grant the Circuit court "exclusive original civil jurisdiction over all class actions, regardless of the amount in controversy."

I have just signed into law Senate Bill 359, which provides "in the case of a class action, the separate claims of the proposed members of the class may be aggregated to meet the minimum amount in controversy..." Presently, the minimum amount